



EXECUTIVE  
ORDER

NO. 69598

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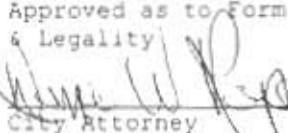
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CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA:

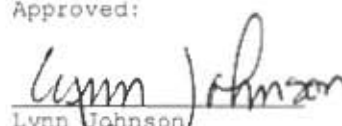
Pursuant to Section 5.06.120 of the Lincoln Municipal Code,  
the "Tree Topping Regulation" on Attachment 'A' is hereby approved  
and shall be in full force and effect upon being filed with the  
office of the City Clerk.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to return a signed copy of  
this Executive Order and Attachment 'A' to Lynn Johnson, Director  
of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
Feb., 2004.

  
Coleen J. Seng, Mayor

Approved as to Form  
& Legality  
  
City Attorney

Approved:  
  
Lynn Johnson  
Parks & Recreation



## TREE TOPPING REGULATION

Topping is the destructive practice of cutting back tree branches without regard to the structure and health of the tree. Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of leaders and/or limbs to stubs within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree.

The City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department strictly prohibits as a normal arboricultural pruning practice the topping of any street tree, park tree, or other tree on public property within the City of Lincoln by any person, firm, or city department. Tree topping on private property is also strongly discouraged since the City has the authority to abate dead, dying, diseased, deteriorating and hazardous trees on private property, and that tree topping invites all of these to occur in trees when done.

Trees designated for removal on City property may be topped to reduce their size so that they may be felled in a more safe manner when necessary. City trees damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical, may be exempted from this policy at the determination of the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.